

REMARKS

Claims 2, 11 through 17, and 19 through 22 are pending in the application.

Claims 2, 11 through 17, and 19 through 22 were allowed by the Examiner in the Office Action dated December 16, 2003, but have subsequently been rejected by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004, "the Office Action". Claims 11 and 21 have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer by changing the antecedent basis from "the" to "a" for the restraint chair to conform the claims to current claim drafting procedure. Also in Claim 11, the term "a horizontally positioned" was removed from item d). Support for this amendment is found in the specification at page 3, lines 6-7. As the claim amendments are fully supported in the application as originally filed, no new subject matter has been added.

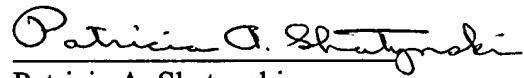
Claims 2, 11-17, and 19-22 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment of Claims 11 and 22 have introduced proper antecedent basis to the claims and these claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Applicants respectfully point out that the supporting cross member of the restraint chair is clearly depicted in Fig. 1 as item 5 and in the specification at page 3, lines 5-7. Applicants respectfully submit that the skilled artisan armed with the description found in the specification as well as the apparatus figures would recognize and understand the claimed subject matter of the invention, thus satisfying the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 2, 11-17, and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 2, 11 through 17, and 19 through 22 are earnestly solicited. No additional fees are believed to be due for this Amendment. However, if additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to deduct the same from Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss this Amendment, he is request to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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